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CHINESE PLANS TO STANDARDIZE AND MODERNIZE  
MILITARY TRAINING FOR PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES

Comment and Summary: This report presents extracts from a speech given by Deputy Political Commissar Li T'ien-huan to division, regimental, and battalion commanders of the Public Security forces receiving training. This document appeared in the Kung-an Pu-tui Chien-shu, Volume XXVIII, a publication of the Political Department, Public Security Forces, Chinese People's Liberation Army.

Li T'ien-huan, the speaker said that as a result of the 1952 joint meeting of the leaders of the various branches of the armed forces in which it was decided to standardize and modernize the armed forces, the Public Security Forces of the People's Revolutionary Military Council held a party conference to draw plans for the 1953 activities of the Public Security Forces.

Last year [1952], the joint meeting of the heads and chiefs of staff of the various armed forces called together by the People's Revolutionary Military Council, decided upon the standardization and modernization of the armed forces and such related problems as organization, equipment, and training. On 15 January 1953, the Public Security Forces of the Military Council held a party conference to study the program set forth at the joint meeting of the heads and chiefs of staff of the armed forces and to draw plans for the 1953 activities of the Public Security Forces. After 1 June of this year, the armed forces will proceed with standardized military training. At present, preparations must be made for activities relating to military training and also to cadre training.

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At the Political Consultative Conference, Chairman Mao pointed out that we "must study the Soviets," and after Stalin's death, Mao again directed us to "study the Soviets." We must view the Soviet Armed Forces as a model and study the Soviets with humility. We must oppose the limited idea of preserving that which we have gained through experience, the influence of backward military ideas gained through former army and military school experience and also the self-sufficient attitude.

The Public Security Forces are responsible for internal and border defense. They are a part of the national defense strength and a part of the nation's standing forces. At present, the remnants of Chiang Kai-shek's bandit forces frequently attack our border, and US imperialists continue to talk about an expanded war. Thus, to be able to take on the responsibility of the regular internal and border defense and the duties of combat against combined imperialist aggression, the Public Security Forces must undergo standardized and modernized training. It is a mistake to say, "The Public Security Forces are responsible for internal affairs, thus all this is not necessary." In our training program, we must emphasize two aspects: (1) standardized and modernized military technical training which is the same as that given to the national defense forces, and (2) specialized training for Public Security Forces for the protection of the national border and internal security. The training period for the Public Security Forces is briefer than that for the national defense forces although the subject matter to be covered is twice as great. The problem must be approached from the following aspects:

1. Starting with cadres, prejudices against standardized and modernized training must be wiped out with determination. The cadres' understanding must be awakened toward standardized and modernized training by the use of appropriate training methods for the carrying out of public security duties and by working toward the completion of the training program.

2. Since the public security units are widely dispersed, the training period short, and the scope of training great, it will be necessary to lengthen the training period to fulfill the training requirements of the People's Revolutionary Military Council.

Therefore, during the following 6 months, in addition to regular activities, the study of tactics on the squad level and basic firing training will be covered.

Public security divisions and regiments, municipal public security "tsung-tui", and provincial "tsung-tui" will be divided into two or three training groups, each receiving training alternately. Public security units below the provincial level and units whose troops are widely scattered will receive centralized training. Training must also be pursued while on active duty.

During the past 2 years, the above methods have proven to be practical. The training program of our public security force is determined by the decisions of the People's Revolutionary Military Council. Indecision in carrying out the program will not be permitted. One must study progressive Soviet military science with determination and faith. Strict organization and discipline must be maintained to complete the training program.

3. Deviations must be corrected and the spirit to overcome difficulties must be maintained at all times.

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